

Title 4A
REVENUE AND FINANCIAL REGULATION

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4A.630.010 Forms, providing. The department of judicial administration is hereby authorized to assess a fee for providing forms used in King County superior court. The charge shall be fifty cents per page to cover all costs associated with forms' reaction and distribution. (Ord. 17150 § 4, 2011: Ord. 9349 § 1, 1990. Formerly K.C.C. 4.71.010).

4A.630.020 Failure to bring case to completion. The department of judicial administration is hereby authorized to assess a fee to either parties to an action filed with the superior court or attorneys representing the parties, or both, who fail to bring cases to completion because of failure to appear for trial, failure to file final order on settlement, failure to follow case schedule, failure to file final judgment or appeal following a arbitration award; lack of action of record or failure to comply with court-ordered deadlines for reports. The fee assessed shall be fifty dollars to cover costs associated with identifying these cases and notifying either the parties or the attorneys, or both. (Ord. 16966 § 3, 2010: Ord. 14905 § 6, 2004: Ord. 13662 § 4, 1999: Ord. 13330 § 16, 1998. Formerly K.C.C. 4.71.050).

4A.630.030 Transmittal of legal case documents for appeal. The department of judicial administration is hereby authorized to assess a fee to parties requesting transmittal of legal case documents to the Washington state court of appeals or Washington state supreme court as part of an appeal from the decision in a King County superior court case. The fee assessed for transmittal of the documents shall be the actual cost to the department for the transmittal of the documents. (Ord. 14905 § 8, 2004: Ord. 13330 § 18, 1998. Formerly K.C.C. 4.71.060).

4A.630.040 Issuance of civil warrants, subpoenas and citations, documents needing a clerk's seal. The department of judicial administration is hereby authorized to assess a fee for issuance of civil warrants, subpoenas and citations, and for each document needing a clerk's seal. In accordance with RCW 36.18.050, the fee assessed for issuance of civil warrants, subpoenas and citations shall be the same as the fee established for the issuance of a writ of attachment as specified in RCW 36.18.016. (Ord. 17150 § 8, 2011: Ord. 13330 § 20, 1998. Formerly K.C.C. 4.71.070).

4A.630.050 Participants in continuing legal education program. The department of judicial administration is hereby authorized to assess a fee to participants in the department's continuing legal education program. The fee assessed for participation in the program shall be two hundred dollars to cover all costs of materials and presentation. (Ord. 16967 § 3, 2010: Ord. 13330 § 24, 1998. Formerly K.C.C. 4.71.090).

4A.630.060 Documents filed with clerk's office that require extra handling. The department of judicial administration is hereby authorized to assess a fee to anyone who files a document that requires special handling because of errors, failure to follow court rules or statutes or lack of completeness. The department shall make the decision to return the document to the filer on a case-by-case basis. The fee assessed for a document that requires extra handling because of errors, failure to follow court rules or statutes or lack of completeness shall be fifteen dollars for each incorrect or incomplete document to cover all costs of the extra handling required. (Ord. 17150 § 11, 2011: Ord. 16291 § 3, 2008: Ord. 14905 § 10, 2004: Ord. 13991 § 2, 2000: Ord. 13330 § 26, 1998: Ord. 8752 §§ 1-3, 1988: Formerly K.C.C. 2.12.150. Formerly K.C.C. 4.71.100).

4A.630.070 Mandatory arbitration request. The department of judicial administration is hereby authorized to assess and collect a fee for filing a request for mandatory arbitration, as authorized in RCW 36.18.016. The fee will be two hundred twenty dollars. (Ord. 14447 § 2, 2002: Ord. 13842 § 2, 2000. Formerly K.C.C. 4.71.115).

4A.630.080 Trial de novo of arbitration award. The department of judicial administration is hereby authorized to assess and collect a fee for filing a request for a trial de novo of an arbitration award, as authorized under RCW 36.18.016. The fee shall be two hundred fifty dollars. (Ord. 13563 § 2, 1999. Formerly K.C.C. 4.71.120).

4A.630.090 Service of bulk user access. The department of judicial administration is hereby authorized to assess a fee for the service of bulk user access to superior court records managed by the department of judicial administration. The fee assessed shall be two hundred fifty dollars per year, to cover the costs associated with providing this service. A fee of twenty-five dollars per month shall be charged to users who do not require bulk access for an entire year. (Ord. 13990 § 2, 2000. Formerly K.C.C. 4.71.150).

4A.630.100 Domestic violence prevention account revenues administration. The department of judicial administration is hereby authorized to retain five percent of the county's portion of the domestic violence prevention account fee authorized under RCW 36.18.016. (Ord. 17150 § 15, 2011: Ord. 15272 § 2, 2005. Formerly K.C.C. 4.71.200).

4A.630.110 Noncertified copies of legal case files provision. The department of judicial administration is hereby authorized to assess a fee for providing noncertified copies of legal case files. Self-service copies from hard copy, also known as paper, files or copied remotely using the department's online electronic court record system from a site outside the department's facilities shall be fifteen cents per page. The department of judicial administration shall establish a procedure for the collection of the fees in this section. (Ord. 17150 § 17, 2011: Ord. 16289 § 2, 2008: Ord. 14905 § 12, 2004: Ord. 10644 § 1, 1992: Ord. 9774 § 1, 1991. Formerly K.C.C. 4.73.010).

4A.630.120 Trust payments through the superior court registry processing.

A. The department of judicial administration is hereby authorized to assess service fees for reimbursement for the actual costs incurred by the county to process trust payments through the superior court registry.

B. The following fees may be assessed:

1. Two dollars per payment if a child support payment greater than twenty-five dollars and less than or equal to one hundred and fifty dollars is made and;
2. Ten dollars per payment for all child support payments exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars and for all other types of payments which exceed twenty-five dollars;

C. This section applies to all payments received for processing through the superior court registry, except for any payment whose processing costs are otherwise reimbursed to the county from other sources. (Ord. 17150 § 19, 2011: Ord. 13330 § 10, 1998: Ord. 6242 § 1, 1982. Formerly K.C.C. 4.76.010).

4A.630.130 Domestic relations cases for courthouse facilitator program. The department of judicial administration is authorized to assess a surcharge of twenty dollars to superior court filing fees for domestic relations cases filed under Title 26 RCW, to be used for funding the courthouse facilitator program which provides basic services to pro se litigants in family law cases. (Ord. 17150 § 21, 2011: Ord. 15272 § 3, 2005: Ord. 13330 § 8, 1998: Ord. 11136 § 1, 1993. Formerly K.C.C. 4.79.010).

4A.630.140 Voucher system for payment of services provision. The department of judicial administration is hereby authorized to assess a fee for the service of providing a voucher system for payment of services provided by the department. The fee assessed shall be ten percent of the yearly charges to the voucher account, to cover some of the expenses involved in processing the vouchers and sending invoices. (Ord. 17150 § 23, 2011: Ord. 13662 § 9, 1999. Formerly K.C.C. 4.83.010).

4A.630.150 Disposal of court exhibits. The department of judicial administration is hereby authorized to assess a fee for the disposal of court exhibits not withdrawn by the parties forty-five to ninety days following case completion. This fee is assessed in accordance with RCW 36.18.016(10). The fee assessed shall be twenty dollars. (Ord. 17150 § 25, 2011: Ord. 14905 § 15, 2004. Formerly K.C.C. 4.83.030).

4A.630.160 Conversion of file exhibits. The department of judicial administration is hereby authorized to assess a fee for the conversion of items that are inappropriate for filing in the court file to file exhibits. This fee is assessed in accordance with RCW 36.18.016(10). The fee assessed shall be twenty dollars. (Ord. 17150 § 27, 2011: Ord. 14905 § 17, 2004. Formerly K.C.C. 4.83.040).

4A.630.170 Expedited clerk services. The department of judicial administration is hereby authorized to assess a fee for providing clerk services on an expedited basis. The fee assessed shall be thirty dollars. (Ord. 17150 § 29, 2011: Ord. 16290 § 3, 2008. Formerly K.C.C. 4.83.060).

4A.630.180 Customer requests via the mail. The department of judicial administration is hereby authorized to assess a fee for fulfilling customer requests via the mail. The fee assessed shall be seven dollars per transaction and unless postage is provided by the customer, postage will be charged at a rate of three dollars per transaction. (Ord. 17150 § 31, 2011: Ord. 16293 § 3, 2008. Formerly K.C.C. 4.83.070).

4A.630.190 Preparing and providing documents to the court. The department of judicial administration is hereby authorized to assess and collect a fee for preparing and providing copies of documents to the court. This fee only applies when documents have been electronically submitted to the clerk by parties who wish to have copies provided to the respective judicial officer. The fee assessed shall be twenty dollars per submission. (Ord. 17150 § 33, 2011: Ord. 16297 § 3, 2008. Formerly K.C.C. 4.83.080).

4A.630.200 Preparing and providing report of new cases or new judgments filed in superior court. The department of judicial administration is hereby authorized to assess and collect a fee for preparing and providing a report of new cases filed in superior court or new judgments filed in superior court. The fee shall be five dollars per report. (Ord. 17150 § 35, 2011: Ord. 16968 § 3, 2011. Formerly K.C.C. 4.83.090).

4A.630.300 Collection. The department of judicial administration shall establish a procedure for the collection of the fees in this chapter. (Ord. 17150 § 37, 2011: Ord. 9349 § 3, 1990. Formerly K.C.C. 4.71.030).

4A.630.310 Waiver. The department of judicial administration is authorized to waive all or part of the fees authorized in the [this] chapter. (Ord. 17150 § 38, 2011).

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Chapter 4A.632
SUPERIOR COURT FEES
(Formerly FAMILY COURT SERVICES AND RELATED FEES)

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4A.632.010 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to authorize the superior court to assess fees for reimbursement of costs incurred by the county for: adoption services including flat search fee, consultation and confirmation of consents; dissolution services including: orientation, mediation, one party and two party evaluations, witness fees for testimony provided by family court services staff, and marriage waivers. Such service fees shall be the responsibility of the party or parties requesting the service. (Ord. 17150 § 41, 2011: Ord. 10643 § 1, 1992: Ord. 6241 § 1, 1982. Formerly K.C.C. 4.72.010).

4A.632.020 Forms, providing. The superior court is authorized to charge a fee for providing forms. The charge shall be fifty cents per page. (Ord. 17150 § 42, 2011).

4A.632.030 Family court services. Fees for family court services dissolution matters are established as follows: The superior court shall prepare a fee schedule charging no more than two hundred dollars, per hour, for:

- A. Dissolution services including:
 - 1. Mediation and evaluation orientation;
 - 2. Mediation services;
 - 2. Evaluation services;
 - 4. Dissolution one and two party evaluations;
 - 5. Witness fees for court testimony provided by family court services staff; and
 - 6. Marriage waivers. (Ord. 17150 § 44, 2011: Ord. 16982 § 2, 1010: Ord. 16304 § 1, 2008: Ord. 14798 § 2, 2003: Ord. 13330 § 2, 1998: Ord. 10643 § 2, 1992: Ord. 6241 § 2, 1982. Formerly K.C.C.4.72.020).

4A.632.040 Family court services adoption matters. Fees for family court services adoption matters are established as follows:

The superior court shall prepare a fee schedule charging no more than one hundred fifty dollars, per hour, for adoption services, including:

- A. Confirmation of birth parent consent reports in all independent nonagency adoptions;
- B. Stepparent adoption reports; and
- C. Other services as ordered by the court. (Ord. 17150 § 46, 2011: Ord. 16982 § 4, 2011. Formerly K.C.C. 4.72.021).

4A.632.050 Adoption checklist and file review. The superior court is hereby authorized [to] assess a fee of fifteen dollars for the completion of an adoption checklist and file review, to be completed prior to final hearing. (Ord. 14791 § 1, 2003. Formerly K.C.C. 4.72.022).

4A.632.060 Adoption case record search. The superior court shall assess a flat search fee for each adoption case record search at the rate established by RCW 36.18.020. (Ord. 17150 § 49, 2011: Ord. 13330 § 4, 1998: Ord. 10643 § 3, 1992. Formerly K.C.C. 4.72.025).

4A.632.070 Fee for nonidentifying adoption searches by the superior court. The superior court is hereby authorized to charge a flat fee of sixty dollars for each nonidentifying adoption search performed. (Ord. 16969 § 2, 2010: Ord. 14791 § 2, 2003. Formerly K.C.C. 4.72.026).

4A.632.080 Fee - visit with superior court paralegal for adoption related services. The superior court is hereby authorized to charge a user fee of up to twenty dollars per visit with the superior court adoption paralegal, for adoption related services as authorized under RCW 26.12.220. Retained revenues shall be used to support costs associated with operating family court operations. (Ord. 16970 § 2, 2010. Formerly K.C.C. 4.72.027).

4A.632.090 Fee for registering confidential intermediaries with the superior court. The superior court is hereby authorized to charge an annual fee of one hundred dollars to each confidential intermediary who works with family court services. (Ord. 14791 § 3, 2003. Formerly K.C.C. 4.72.028).

4A.632.100 Fee - facilitator services to review domestic cases documentation. A fee of thirty dollars is imposed for services rendered to review documentation related to domestic cases before finalization, in accordance with RCW 26.12.240. (Ord. 17150 § 52, 2011: Ord. 16980 § 2, 2010: Ord. 16305 § 1, 2008. Formerly K.C.C. 4.72.032).

4A.632.110 Fee - facilitator services to review domestic cases documentation - per visit.

A. The superior court is hereby authorized to charge a user fee of up to thirty dollars per visit for facilitator services, as authorized under RCW 26.12.240.

B. A fee of thirty dollars is imposed for facilitator services rendered to review documentation related to domestic cases before finalization, in accordance with RCW 26.12.240. (Ord. 17150 § 54, 2011: Ord. 16979 § 2, 2010: Ord. 16306 § 2, 2008. Formerly K.C.C. 4.72.034).

4A.632.120 Parenting seminars. The superior court is hereby authorized to charge a parenting seminar registration fee of forty dollars per participant for those who attend the parenting seminar within sixty days of filing the action that results in the requirement to attend the seminar; participants who attend the seminar after sixty days of the filing shall be charged a registration fee of seventy-five dollars. Retained revenues shall be used to support operating costs associated with family court operations. (Ord. 16972 § 2, 2010. Formerly K.C.C. 4.72.042).

4A.632.130 Family law orientation. The superior court is hereby authorized to charge a fee of up to twenty dollars per person to attend a family law orientation provided by King County superior court family court operations. This fee is authorized by RCW 26.12.260, 26.12.220 and 26.12.240. (Ord. 17150 § 57, 2011: Ord. 16983 § 2, 2010. Formerly K.C.C. 4.72.045).

4A.632.200 Collection. The superior court is responsible for collection of fees authorized in this chapter. (Ord. 17150 § 59, 2011).

4A.632.210 Waiver. The superior court is authorized to waive all or part of the fees authorized in this chapter based on the parties' ability to pay. (Ord. 17150 § 58, 2011)

Chapter 4A.634
DISTRICT COURT FEES

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- 4A.634.020 Surcharge - small claims court.
- 4A.634.030 Domestic violence prevention cases.

4A.634.010 Surcharge established -- collection. The King County council hereby establishes a surcharge of ten dollars to district court civil filing fees to be used for funding dispute resolution services. This surcharge shall be collected by the King County district court which shall establish a procedure for collection and segregation of this surcharge in accordance with chapter 7.75 RCW. (Ord. 13662 § 2, 1999: Ord. 12214 § 1, 1996: Ord. 11158 § 1, 1993: Ord. 10670 § 1, 1992: Ord. 9916 § 1, 1991. Formerly K.C.C. 4.82.010).

4A.634.020 Surcharge - small claims court. The King County council hereby establishes a surcharge of \$11.00 to small claims court filing fees to be used for funding dispute resolution services. This surcharge shall be collected by the King County district court which shall establish a procedure for collection and segregation of this surcharge in accordance with RCW 7.75. (Ord. 12214 § 2, 1996. Formerly K.C.C. 4.82.020).

4A.634.030 Domestic violence prevention cases.

A. The following district court administrative fee for district court costs is established to cover administrative district court costs in domestic violence cases:

District court administrative court cost fee	\$63.00
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B. This fee may be imposed by the district court against the respondent in domestic violence cases as authorized by state law. (Ord. 16288 § 3, 2008. Formerly K.C.C. 4.79.020).

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